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News Advisory

Comprehensive New Federal Plan to Reduce Health Disparities

- What:** On **Friday, April 8**, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) will unveil its comprehensive road map to address differences in health for racial, ethnic, and other underserved communities.
- Why:** Certain racial and ethnic minority groups continue to experience higher rates of disease, disability, and death than the majority population. In Utah, for example, UDOH data show African American/Black and Pacific Islander infants under age one are about twice as likely to die as White babies. The *HHS Action Plan to Reduce Racial and Ethnic Disparities* and the accompanying *National Stakeholder Strategy for Achieving Health Equity* are intended to guide initiatives and provide strategies for public and private action to address health disparities.
- Who:** **Howard K. Koh, M.D., M.P.H.**, Assistant Secretary for Health, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Garth Graham, M.D., M.P.H., Deputy Assistant Secretary for Minority Health, Office of Minority Health
Sen. Benjamin Cardin, D-Maryland
- When:** Friday, April 8, 2011 at 8:00 a.m. (Mountain Time)
- Where:** National Press Club, Holeman Lounge
529 14th Street, 13th Floor
Washington, DC 20045

A webcast of the Washington, DC, event will be available at
www.visualwebcaster.com/NPALaunch

MEDIA NOTE: Representatives from the UDOH Center for Multicultural Health will be available for local response to the new HHS initiative at 1-801-703-0127.

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